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LETTER DATED 28 FEBRUARY 2000 FROM THE CHARGÉ D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF YUGOSLAVIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have been instructed by my Government to lodge the strongest protest over the most recent attacks by ethnic Albanian terrorist separatists, in which a Yugoslav police officer and a physician were killed and three police officers and a physician were wounded.

On 26 February 2000, ethnic Albanian terrorist separatists crossed over from Kosovo and Metohija, the autonomous province of the Yugoslav constituent Republic of Serbia that is temporarily administered by the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK) and is provided with security by the Kosovo Force (KFOR), and ambushed a Serbian police patrol on the Bujanovac-Gnjilane road near the village of Konculj. In the subsequent attack, carried out with automatic rifles and hand grenades, Major Slavisa Dimitrijevic was killed and three other police officers were wounded.

Returning fire, the patrol killed Fatmir Ibisi, a member of the terrorist group and the "Kosovo Protection Corps" ("KPC"). Ibisi was born in the village of Ugljari, Municipality of Gnjilane, in 1964 and was in possession of KPC identity card No. GJ 10226.

On the same day, Albanian terrorist separatists shot and killed Dr. Josif Vasic, a member of the Serbian National Council of Kosovo and Metohija, and wounded Vjenceslav Grozdanovic, a biochemist. Dr. Vasic was one of only five Serbian physicians who have stayed in Gnjilane and the surrounding area, treating Serbs and Albanians alike.

The recent acts of terrorism provide telling evidence that ethnic Albanian terror against Serbs continues unabated and unpunished, about which the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia has warned the Security Council on a number of occasions and requested it to take the most resolute measures. The fact that acts of terrorism have been committed in the territory of the Municipality of Bujanovac, outside of Kosovo and Metohija, proves that terrorists of the "Kosovo Liberation Army" ("KLA"), masquerading as "KPC" members, enjoy the undisguised support of

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the international presences, which enabled them to cross over freely from Kosovo and Metohija where they are supposed to provide security. It also proves that "KLA" terrorists have not been disarmed and that the claim that the "KPC" provides civil protection is a charade.

The Federal Republic of Yugoslavia calls upon the Security Council to condemn these criminal acts and to enjoin KFOR and UNMIK to implement their mandate and Security Council resolution 1244 (1999) of 10 June 1999, as well as the provisions of relevant documents, consistently.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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